

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

9/10/2023 – Hybrid

Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**

ATTENDEES

1	Jeff L.	District 22 DCM
2	Elisa M.	District 22 Secretary
3	Paul L.	D22 CPC/PI Chair
4	Christine S.	D22 Grapevine Chair/GSR Serenity Group
5	Leonard L.	D22 Archives Chair
6	Jon K.	Intergroup Liaison/Central Office
7	Bert B.	Convention Liaison
8	Jim L.	GSR Sunday Eve Rap Group
9	Lisa T.	GSR Back to Basics
10	Sadie C.	GSR Templeton Mon PM Spiritual
11	Eli T.	GSR Sun AM Coming Down
12	Wayne N.	GSR 5 Cities Group
13	Bryan Y.	GSR Monday Nite Group
14	Joe R.	GSR Melody Group
15	Michelle	GSR Serenity Sisters ABC
16	Rick L.	GSR ABC Group
17	Helga B.	GSR Sobriety Sisters
18	Mark	GSR Harbor Lights
19	Bonnie N.	Area 93 Grapevine Chair

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by Jeff with the Serenity Prayer.

Introduction of new GSRs and visitors: New GSRs Joe, Helga, and Mark, welcome!! Visitor Bonnie N. from Area 93, thank you for attending.

REPORTS

DCM, Jeff L.

- From Area Assembly on August 20th, 2023:
- During the DCM sharing group the possibility of splitting the Area was discussed because our Area is so big and does not serve all the groups. The pros and cons were discussed. Some groups are attending other area meetings rather than their own area. It was questioned whether a group could go to another area. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed to discuss the issue further.
- Training sessions for DCMs were approved and will be put on the agenda for further work.
- The question on how to motivate GSRs to be of service was discussed. Obtaining service sponsorship was considered a priority. The GSR training on Zoom in August was very informative and motivating. Having a service manual was something that every GSR should have. There will be more GSR training in the future.

- The Treatment Committee shared the need for more people getting involved with Bridging the Gap which communicates the AA message to people in custody.
- The Area 93 Treasurer reported that all contributions have been deposited and all outstanding bills have been paid. Our Area Delegate Pablo can sign checks. Groups have made donations without group number and group name. Please make sure these items are included with the donation.
- Area Chair Rudy M. has visited many District Meetings in Area 93, including our own. He is making sure that information is being sent out on a regular basis.
- Our Delegate Pablo encourages GSRs to submit agenda items for our conferences. He is always available to attend District Committee Meetings.
- Area Grapevine Chair Bonnie N. discussed the upcoming workshop this September 30th. The senior editor will talk about the new Grapevine App.
- The bid to host the Area 93 Assembly on May 19, 2024, at the Morro Bay Vets Hall was unanimously approved.
- www.D22AA.org has description of all available positions for the District Committee.

Alternate DCM, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.

Secretary, Elisa M.

- Thanks everyone for their patience and understanding as I'm trying to get the notes out in a timely manner.
- Greatly appreciative of the cooperation and written summaries of your reports to easily add to the minutes.
- **Paul moved to approve the minutes, Rick 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Treasure Report, Bonnie N. (reporting for Treasurer Sheryl G. who is absent for vacation)

- July: **Checking:** \$12,738.02 / **Savings:** \$3,002.64 / **Total:** \$15,740.64 as of the end of **July**.
- **July** financials: **Contributions:** \$1,173.85 / **Expenditures:** \$101.48 / **Total:** \$1,072.75
- Year to date total at end of **July:** \$5,602.80
- August: **Checking:** \$12,934.94 / **Savings:** \$3,003.00 / **Total:** \$15,937.94 as of the end of **August**.
- **August** financials: **Contributions:** \$296.60 / **Expenditures:** \$99.68 / **Total:** \$197.30
- Year to date total contributions at end of **August:** \$5,899.40
- **Paul moved to approve the financials, Wayne 2nd, unanimously approved.**

Registrar, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.

GSR REPORTS

- **Eli T. – GSR Sunday Morning Coming Down, Atascadero:** Attended the last Assembly meeting via Zoom and found not much was available to access via Zoom since the breakout rooms aren't available on Zoom. The group has \$246.50 and donated \$200 to all entities on 8/16/2023.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics, Cambria:** Small 1.5 hour meetings on Saturdays 10:30 am -12 pm. The group is still reading through *Emotional Sobriety* with a lot of sharing. Had an increase of out of towners and local newcomers.
- **Sadie C. – Monday Night Spiritual Living, Templeton:** Have about 20 attendees per meeting with a good range of sobriety; all is going smoothly.

- **Michelle – GSR Serenity Sisters ABC, Paso Robles:** Tues-Fri at Noon, online only. They do birthdays with a card and chips and provide Grapevine to newcomers in their first year. Review finances quarterly.
- **Mark – GSR Harbor Lights, Morro Bay:** New GSR for this group. Meetings are held Monday-Saturday 12-1:30 at Odd Fellows Hall. The quarterly meeting will be in the second week of October.
- **Bryan Y. – GSR Monday Nite Group, Atascadero:** Have a new secretary, working on setting up more steering committee meetings.
- **Jon K. – GSR Nooner in the Park, San Luis Obispo:** M-F at Noon at Meadow Park near the corner of Woodbridge. This meeting really needs support.
- **Jim L. – Sunday Eve Rap Group, San Luis Obispo (Hybrid):** Still Hybrid and evenly divided between online and in person with about 15-20 people each week. At the Area level for GSRs, it is very disturbing how little attention gets to those attending remotely. In person attention is great. As a GSR, if you attend Assemblies, go in person, or don't go at all. Zoom is extremely frustrating and technology improvement should really be a priority for our Area.
- **Helga B. – GSR Sobriety Sisters, Paso Robles:** New GSR, needs help getting registered, Jeff will assist with that as we don't currently have our Registrar position filled. Meeting is held Thursdays at 5:30.
- **Rick L. – GSR ABC Group, Paso Robles:** Renegotiated with old landlord and was able to sign a lease for the old location at 1916 Creston Rd. Suite 400. In the middle of the shopping center is a set of stairs. The meeting room is up those stairs and to the left, the last door on the right. Attendance is back up again now that they are back. Information has been updated on the website.
- **Joe R. – GSR Melody Group, San Luis Obispo:** Coming back again as GSR for this group.
- **Wayne N. – GSR 5 Cities Group, Arroyo Grande:** This Wednesday at 7:00 pm having a Back to 40s workshop which is 5 weeks of classwork for Big Book stuff from the 1940's.
- **Leonard L. – Giving Report for Sheryl G. GSR Mesa Group, Arroyo Grande:** If someone is looking for a place to start a meeting, we have slots available most mornings at 7 am. Also available are Saturdays and Sundays at Noon and 5:30 pm. 7 am Zoom meetings M-Sun are well attended by locals and out of the area such as Scotland, New Jersey, and all over California. Mesa Group does not have any hybrid meetings. The speaker/ potluck meeting is the second Saturday at 7:00 pm, and birthday meeting is the last Saturday at 7:00pm. All are welcome!
- **Christine S. – GSR Serenity Group, Grover Beach:** The group has 18 meetings a week. On Sunday the meeting is held at Heritage Park in Arroyo Grande. Meeting has lots of newcomers lately.

VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER – Bonnie N, Area 93 Treatment Chairperson

- **Grapevine Writing Workshop** -The Area 93 Grapevine Committee is hosting an AA Grapevine Writing Workshop on Saturday, **September 30**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It will be on Zoom only (not hybrid). **Zoom ID:** 859 8947 3462 / **Passcode:** Grapevine. **Please note this number replaces an older number that was originally on the flyers.** Please see the attached flyer.
- **The New Grapevine APP** was launched this September. There is a great question and answer section about how to subscribe to it here [APPQ&A](#) (Ctrl + Click to follow link)
- **Carry the Message Project.** Give a Gift Subscription to a friend, a sponsee, doctor's offices, or for giveaways at anniversaries, etc. For more info go to [Carry the Message](#) (<https://aaa.grapevine.org>)

- (ctrl + click on underline words, to go to link). If your group has a new GV Representative, there are a few gift subscriptions from the Area available that can be given to them if they do not already have one.
- Contact me anytime if you have questions at 805-550-8081 or by email bonnien27@gmail.com.

STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS

Archives Chair, Leonard L.

- Should be noted that we, District 22, have no archival facilities of our own. District 22 is at the northern edge of Area 93 which covers a good portion of southern California. They have a facility to display historic, relevant items. We have some things here locally.
- What I am trying to do is archive our local structural history on our website, so it is readily available to our members. To that end I am:
 - Still trying to get some early history out to GSRs for their area so that they might give us some updates to post on our D22 website.
 - Am also going through material I have been given to archive.
- Items of a broad AA interest will be sent to the Area 93 Archives collection in Oxnard.
- The bulk of what we have been given thus far is being organized into categories like District Officers with dates and names with notes or highlights. That information will also be archived on our district website.
- Please go back to your groups and help acquire information on each group such as current information and history of current meetings.

CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.

- Riley, the Pacific Regional Trustee, is opening a dialogue about CPC/PI.
- SLO Noor Foundation reached out via email on local website regarding creating a panel to provide information for their staff.
- SLO Bar Association is also interested in setting up a panel for CPU credits.
- ***If there are people in the education, medical, correctional professions interested in learning more about AA, please get a contact name and number and send it to Paul L. who will reach out to them personally.***

Grapevine Chair, Christine S.

- Is helping Bonnie with the upcoming Grapevine workshop and will be presenting own story as well.

Technology Chair, Judy G. - ABSENT

Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.

- Contact the Central Office if you would like Jim, a member at large, to come to your meeting to bring meeting schedules, *Nameless Newsletters*, newcomer packets, and information about the Central Office.
- Central office in Los Osos is open Mon – Fri 12:00pm– 6:00pm and Sat 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
- Have books and literature available as well as newcomer packets and printed meeting schedules.

- Meeting schedules and the *Nameless Newsletters* can also be accessed and printed online at www.SLOAA.org. “News and Events” link has a link to have the *Nameless Newsletter* sent right to your email.
- Answers calls for AA, with call-forwarding to volunteers when the office is closed.
- Currently all positions are filled but volunteers are always needed. Go to SLOAA.org and use the “Contact” link to reach out about volunteering.
- Use the above link to contact Central Office about updates regarding meetings. The website is only as good as what information is provided.
- ***Suggested 1 year of recovery time to volunteer at Central Office.***

SLOYPAA Liaison, Connor G. - ABSENT

- Hosting Sunday Get-downs the first Sunday of each month at Meadow Park in SLO 1:00p – 4:00p. Come join us for sports, fellowship, fun in the sun, and a meeting 3:00p – 4:00p. Bring food to share with others, but it is not mandatory for participation. ALL are welcome, family, friends, and well-behaved dogs too!
- *Mission Statement:* The purpose of SLOYPAA is to strengthen the unity between AA members and AA groups in San Luis Obispo and surrounding areas. We hope to share the enthusiasm in our spirit of service to our area by bidding for YPAA conventions. We will achieve this by showing that we absolutely insist on having fun, to the growing number of young alcoholics, through attraction rather than promotion, by practicing the 12 Steps in our lives, the 12 Traditions in our groups, and carrying the message in and outside our meetings and events.
- Bi-Monthly Committee meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Melody, 265 South Street, Suite F in SLO.
- All ages are welcome and encouraged to join. Elder statesmen in high demand for experience and suggestions.
- Talk to current members about being invited to Slack, an online business application for members, or to be invited to our Facebook group.
- Email address is slopyfunds@gmail.com.

Convention Liaison, Bert B.

- The convention was Friday August 25 – Saturday August 27, 2023, and was a success, being both well attended, and well received.
- We had 646 registered, 99 more than the 547 last year, an 18% increase. Online registration closed August 21st with just 357 registered, so 45% registered at the convention.
- The Al-Anon luncheon and the BBQ were sold out, as usual.
- The golf tournament had 40 players with good weather and a fun time.
- The 5K fun run/walk had 29 registered but I’m sure at least double that number participated.
- Anyone who attended the convention and missed speakers, or for those who didn’t attend the convention, speakers were recorded. To access them go to <http://myd22.org> and at the top of the page, click on the speaker recordings for the appropriate year.
- No financial report yet.

H & I Liaison, (VACANT) – *Please spread the word we need this position filled.* Report from Jon K. from June

- H&I is active and taking meetings every week in to the men’s jail, women’s jail, juvenile hall, CMC, and starting back up at Atascadero State Hospital.

- Also bring in literature to these places.
- Rely on donations from all the groups, can send a donation for the literature to the Central Office c/o H&I.
- Will have a table set-up at the Convention.
- **Monthly Meetings “Bridging the Gap” 3rd Tuesdays of the month @ 6:40 pm via Zoom ID: 547 256 8644 PW: 123456**

District 6 Liaison, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled. This is a Spanish District.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- As a new GSR, you need to get registered as the GSR for your meeting. Jeff can assist with this process, as we currently are still in need of a Registrar for our District.
- Encourage GSRs to attend Assemblies. Great way and place to learn the greater service aspects of AA.

Adjournment: Paul moved to close, Wanye 2nd, unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:30a with the Responsibility Statement: I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.

Next hybrid District 22 Meeting will be Sunday October 8th, 2023, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.